

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

Breeders List Guidelines

Revised _____

The current version of this document and the Breeders List Application are to be posted on the Club website, and in the EGRC Yahoo Group "Files." Please note that in the GRCA Code of Ethics and this document, the word "dogs" refers to both sexes.

I. Overview

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) is part of the nationwide breeder referral network of the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and is under the authority of the EGRC Board of Directors (the Board). The EGRC Breeders List is an online resource to provide the general public with educational material on selecting a puppy from a reputable breeder, and provide them with access to EGRC breeders who may have puppies available and can answer their questions.

II. Guidelines Mission Statement

These guidelines are to provide EGRC breeders with a clear and concise description for participating in EGRC's website Breeders List (www.egrc.org). Our goal is to ensure that the health and welfare of the Golden Retriever breed and the breeding programs of EGRC members are of the highest possible standard. It is a privilege to represent the Golden Retriever breed, EGRC, and one's own kennel on the Club's website.

III. Breeders List Coordinator

The Breeders List Coordinator is responsible for:

- A. Receiving, verifying, and approving Breeders List Applications.
- B. Forwarding payments for approved applications to the Treasurer, and returning to the sender payments for any applications not meeting these requirements.
- C. Promptly providing the Webmaster with Breeders List additions and deletions.
- D. Promptly responding to questions from EGRC members and the general public.
- E. Promptly informing the Board of any breaches of these guidelines, complaints received about breeders, or other issues needing special attention.

IV. Breeders List Members

- A. MEMBERSHIP: Only EGRC Members in good standing are eligible to be included in EGRC's Breeders List.
- B. WAITING PERIOD: There is a one (1) year waiting period for all new Club members before applying for the EGRC Breeders List.
- C. CLUB SERVICE: Breeders must provide service to the Club in the year prior to applying for the EGRC Breeders List. They may choose one or more of the positions in number 1 below, OR a minimum of two positions in item number 2 below:
 - 1. One (1) of the following:
 - a. EGRC Board of Directors
 - b. Newsletter Editor
 - c. Webmaster
 - d. Breeders List Coordinator
 - e. Club Columnist for the *Golden Retriever News*
 - f. Public Education Booth Chair
 - g. Membership Chair
 - h. Meeting Hospitality Chair
 - i. Meeting Program Chair
 - j. Awards Chair
 - k. Judges Selection Committee Chair
 - l. All EGRC event chairs

OR

- 2. A minimum of two (2) of the following:
 - a. Property Chair, Sunshine Chair, Historian, and/or GRCA Delegate.
 - b. Chair or member of the following committees: Nominating, Budget, and/or Donations.
 - c. Member of the Judges Selection Committee.
 - d. Member of an EGRC event committee.
 - e. Working at an EGRC event.

NOTE: Merely attending a meeting or function, or entering a dog event, does not constitute service to the Club.

- D. PUBLIC EDUCATION: In addition to providing Club Service, all Breeders List members are expected to promptly respond to inquiries from the public, even if they don't currently have puppies available, and to help educate them about all aspects of the breed (e.g., health, behavior, training, breed standard, breeding issues, etc.).

- E. CODE OF ETHICS: Breeders List members must agree on their application that, while on the Breeders List, they will adhere to this document and follow all recommendations of the GRCA Code of Ethics as posted on the GRCA website (grca.org). Failure to do so will result in their removal from the Breeders List by the Board. Any member of the Breeders List removed by the Board will require Board approval for reinstatement.
- F. INELIGIBLE LITTERS: If by accident or design, a Breeders List member has a litter that does not fully fit these guidelines, or their stud dog sires such a litter owned by anyone else, they shall remove themselves from the Breeders List from the first breeding until the puppies go to their new homes. After that time, they can request of the Coordinator that they be returned to the List.
- G. SALES CONTRACT: All Breeders List members must provide their puppy buyers with a written sales contract describing the terms and conditions, and any guarantees offered. Breeders should have buyers sign the contract before release of the puppy. Breeders are to keep the original and sign a copy for the buyer.
- H. PUPPIES AND DOGS NOT INTENDED FOR BREEDING: Any puppies or dogs not intended for breeding must either be sold on AKC Limited Registration, or be sold on a Spay/Neuter contract. The age for spaying and neutering should be determined by the breeder and be clearly stated in the contract. Breeders should discuss this with potential buyers well in advance of purchase.

V. Application and Fee

Breeders meeting all the requirements above may apply for inclusion in the Breeders List at any time during the year. They must complete the Breeders List Application and mail with the annual fee of \$30 to the Coordinator's address in the Application. Checks should be made payable to "EGRC." Copies of the Breeders List Application are available on the Club website (www.egrc.org) and on the Club's Yahoo Group's "Files" page. Once an application is approved, the breeder will be added to the Breeders List.

VI. Policies and Procedures

- A. WEBSITE UPDATES: The goal of the Breeders List Coordinator and Webmaster is to process Breeders List Applications within a week. It could conceivably take a total of 10 days for a request to appear on the website.
- B. RENEWALS: The Listing Year is from January 1 to December 31 of the current year.

At the beginning of the calendar year, breeders will need to submit a new Breeders List Application and pay the \$30 annual fee. The fee will not be prorated for time less than a year on the Breeders List.

C. REMOVAL:

1. The Board reserves the right to immediately remove any breeder from the Breeders List if it is determined that the breeder is not in compliance with these guidelines.
2. A breeder that is removed by the Board will be notified by email, phone, and/or certified mail of their removal for non-compliance, or regarding any issue, complaint, or other situation that needs to be addressed.

D. REINSTATEMENT: When a Breeders List member is removed by the Board, reinstatement to the List requires approval by the Board. Before applying for reinstatement, breeders must meet all requirements in *Section IV. Breeders List Members, parts A through H*, and have resolved any complaints or other issues to the satisfaction of a majority vote of the Board. Reinstatements occurring after January 1st will require payment of the new year's \$30 Breeders List fee.

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